Home Minister had taken a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Orissa on 3rd August, 1991 for an indepth discussion about the problem. In this meeting it was decided inter-alia that the State Governments would prepare action plans incorporating plans for maintenance of law and order as also developmental measures. Subsequently, a Joint Coordination Committee has been set up with representatives from all the affected States to oversee the planning and implementation of counter naxalite operations in all its aspects in a coordinated manner. The Joint Coordination Committee has held its meetings. Meetings have also been held at the officials level in this Ministry to coordinate with left wing extremist affected States. These have facilitated coordination with appreciable results.

**Disbanding/Revamping of the PAC in U.P.**

259 SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to disband or revamp the Uttar Pradesh Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) as reported in the 'Indian Express dated 23rd January, 1993;

(b) what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The 'Police' is a State Subject. It is for the Government of Uttar Pradesh to take a decision in the matter, taking into account deficiencies in the functioning of the UP Provincial Armed Constabulary under their charge.

**Assessment of a former Diplomat regarding Article 370 of the Constitution**

260. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the assessment of a Former Diplomat T. N. Kaul that Article 370 of the Constitution has been misused and misapplied and that the time has come to have a rethinking on it as it has no use now for the common man in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government is aware of an article written by Shri T. N. Kaul in a daily newspaper, recently in which he referred to article 370 of the Constitution.

Keeping in view the special circumstances of J & K, the Constitutional relationship between the Union of India and the State of J & K was defined in article 370. From time to time, a number of provisions of the Indian Constitution and a number of other enactments on subjects in the Union and Concurrent Lists have been extended to the State with or without modifications. This article, therefore, has stood the test of time and has helped in building a progressive and dynamic relationship with the State.

**Assault on Shri Madhavrao Scindia**

261. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent incident at Agra Railway Station where Shri Madhavrao Scindia and his family members were assaulted by the BJP workers;

(b) if so, how many persons involved in that incident were apprehended; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that recurrence of this type of incident does not take place in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) 107 accused persons were arrested who were subsequently released on bail;

(c) The existing instructions for the protection of Union Ministers during their travel by rail/road are adequate. These have been reiterated to all State Governments and UT Administrations for effective compliance.

**Tribunals to go into justification of Ban on Communal Organisations**

262. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently set up two tribunals headed by two serving High Court judges to go into the justification of the ban imposed by Government on activities of the communal organisations like the VHP, Bajrang Dal, RSS and ISS;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions under which the tribunals are to function; and

(c) by when they are expected to submit their report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Tribunals have been constituted under Section 5(1) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and will act according to the provisions of the said Act. The Tribunal have to give a decision within six months from the date of the issue of notification declaring an association as unlawful.

**Migrants from Bangladesh**

263. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Bangladeshi illegal Migrants in different States; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to prevent this mass scale illegal migration from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There are a large number of Bangladeshi migrants illegally living in different parts of the country. It is difficult to estimate their exact number as they enter surreptiiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population because of ethnic lingual similarities.

(b) Various measures have been taken/are being taken to check the infiltration of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. These include intensification of patrolling by the Border Security Force, strengthening of its Water Wings, accelerated programme of construction of Border Roads and Fencing, strengthening of the prevention of infiltration of Foreigners (PIF)/Mobile Task Force (MTF) Schemes, issue of identity cards to people residing in border areas, Computerisation of visa control system, etc.

**Effect of insecurity looming large in Assam**

264. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Key Assam Projects which have not been taken up and also of those which have been delayed due to the insecurity looming large before the project executives and foreign experts;

(b) the names of the foreign collaborators/foreign experts who loathed coming to Assam during 1992 due to insecurity;